

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT
523 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501-3182

DATA MATCHING

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 13, 2015; 5:00 PM CDT

RFP #:231

BUYER: Finance Division-
Office of Recoveries and
Fraud Investigation

POC: Mark Close
mark.close@state.sd.us

READ CAREFULLY

FIRM NAME: _____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TYPE OR PRINT NAME: _____

CITY/STATE: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

ZIP (9 DIGIT): _____ FAX NO: _____

FEDERAL TAX ID#: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

FAX NO: _____ E-MAIL: _____

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The South Dakota Department of Social Services (Department) takes measures to ensure that it is the payer of last resource for applicable program benefits and seeks reimbursement when the Department has issued payment when a liable third party exists. This Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain the services of a vendor for twelve (12) months to operate in accordance with this RFP's scope of work to identify third parties who are responsible for payment of the health, medical care, and other benefits available under the Department's programs. The Department is also seeking the services of a vendor to prepare HIPAA compliant claims for submission to third parties from information provided by the Department. Preference will be given to vendors who will provide electronic claims submissions to insurers.

1.2 ISSUING OFFICE AND RFP REFERENCE NUMBER

The Department of Social Services is the issuing office for this document and all subsequent addenda relating to it, on behalf of the State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services. The reference number for the transaction is RFP #231. Refer to this number on all proposals, correspondence, and documentation relating to the RFP.

Please refer to the Department of Social Services website link <http://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/rfp.aspx> for the RFP, any related questions/answers, changes to schedule of activities, etc.

1.3 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

RFP Publication	<u>04/09/2015</u>
Deadline for Submission of Written Inquiries	<u>04/20/2015 5:00 PM CDT</u>
Responses to Offeror Questions	<u>04/27/2015 5:00 PM CDT</u>
Proposal Submission	<u>05/13/2015 5:00 PM CDT</u>
Oral Presentations/discussions (if required)	<u>To be determined</u>
Deadline for Completion of Site Visits (if required)	<u>To be determined</u>
Proposal Revisions (if required)	<u>To be determined</u>
Anticipated Award Decision/Contract Negotiation	<u>05/26/2015</u>

1.4 SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

All proposals must be completed and received in the Department of Social Services by the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Activities.

Proposals received after the deadline will be late and ineligible for consideration.

An original, five (5) identical copies, and one (1) digital copy of the proposal shall be submitted.

All proposals must be signed in ink by an officer of the responder legally authorized to bind the responder to the proposal, and sealed in the form intended by the respondent. Proposals that are not properly signed may be rejected. The sealed envelope must be marked with the appropriate RFP Number and Title. The words "Sealed Proposal Enclosed" must be prominently denoted on the outside of the shipping container.

Proposals must be addressed and labeled as follows:

Request For Proposal #231 Proposal Due 05/13/2015 5:00 PM CDT

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**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Attention: Mark Close
700 Governors Drive
Pierre SD 57501-2291**

No punctuation is used in the address. The above address as displayed should be the only information in the address field.

No proposal may be accepted from, or any contract or purchase order awarded to any person, firm or corporation that is in arrears upon any obligations to the State of South Dakota, or that otherwise may be deemed irresponsible or unreliable by the State of South Dakota.

1.5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

By signing and submitting this proposal, the offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation, by any Federal department or agency, from transactions involving the use of Federal funds. Where the offeror is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the bidder shall attach an explanation to their offer.

1.6 NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The State of South Dakota requires that all contractors, vendors, and suppliers doing business with any State agency, department, or institution, provide a statement of non-discrimination. By signing and submitting their proposal, the offeror certifies they do not discriminate in their employment practices with regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, ancestry, national origin or disability.

1.7 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by the offeror prior to the established due date and time.

No oral, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile responses or modifications to informal, formal bids, or Request for Proposals will be considered.

1.8 OFFEROR INQUIRIES

Offerors may email inquiries concerning this RFP to obtain clarification of requirements. No inquiries will be accepted after 04/20/2015 5:00 PM CDT. Email inquiries must be sent to mark.close@state.sd.us with the subject line "RFP #231."

The Department of Social Services will respond to offerors inquiries by posting the offeror aggregated questions and Department responses on the DSS website at <http://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/rfp.aspx> no later than 04/27/2015 5:00 PM CDT. Offerors may not rely on any other statements, either of a written or oral nature, that alter any specification or other term or condition of this RFP. Offerors will be notified in the same manner as indicated above regarding any modifications to this RFP.

1.9 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

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The proposal of the successful offeror(s) becomes public information. Proprietary information can be protected under limited circumstances such as client lists and non-public financial statements. Pricing and service elements are not considered proprietary. An entire proposal may not be marked as proprietary. Offerors must clearly identify in the Executive Summary and mark in the body of the proposal any specific proprietary information they are requesting to be protected. The Executive Summary must contain specific justification explaining why the information is to be protected. Proposals may be reviewed and evaluated by any person at the discretion of the State. All materials submitted become the property of the State of South Dakota and may be returned only at the State's option.

1.10 LENGTH OF CONTRACT

The contract will commence June 1, 2015 and end on May 31, 2016. The initial term of the contract will be one (1) year with a State option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms.

1.11 GOVERNING LAW

Venue for any and all legal action regarding or arising out of the transaction covered herein shall be solely in Hughes County, State of South Dakota. The laws of South Dakota shall govern this transaction.

1.12 DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFERORS (ORAL PRESENTATION/NEGOTIATIONS)

An oral presentation by an offeror to clarify a proposal may be required at the sole discretion of the State. However, the State may award a contract based on the initial proposals received without discussion with the offeror. If oral presentations are required, they will be scheduled after the submission of proposals. Oral presentations will be made at the offeror's expense.

This process is a Request for Proposal/Competitive Negotiation process. Each Proposal shall be evaluated, and each respondent shall be available for negotiation meetings at the State's request. The State reserves the right to negotiate on any and/or all components of every proposal submitted. From the time the proposals are submitted until the formal award of a contract, each proposal is considered a working document and as such, will be kept confidential. The negotiation discussions will also be held as confidential until such time as the award is completed.

2.0 STANDARD AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Any contract or agreement resulting from this RFP will include the State's standard terms and conditions as listed in Attachment A, along with any additional terms and conditions as negotiated by the parties

3.0 SCOPE OF WORK

Background:

There are approximately 100,000 Medicaid recipients in South Dakota and the Department processes over 4.5 million claims in a fiscal year. The scope of work is divided into three options and vendors may submit proposals for one or all options. Vendors may also propose additional services in their proposals. The vendor shall include a process flow document, including estimated timeframes for all services proposed.

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Option A requires the vendor to conduct data matching to provide information to the Department for use in determining social service program recipients with other resources available pursuant to SDCL 58-12-22.

Option B requires the vendor to create HIPAA compliant claims for submission to insurers based on information provided by the Department. The volume of claims to be created will be dependent on the number of recipients identified as having other resources available and their frequency of receiving services.

Option C is to conduct the requirements of both Options A & B. Preference will be given to vendors who conduct the requirements of both Options A & B.

Option A.

- 3.1 The vendor will conduct data matching with “insurers” as defined in SDCL 58-12-26 which includes, but is not limited to insurance companies, employers, third party administrators, and pharmacy benefit managers.
 - A. The vendor will demonstrate their ability to conduct a national match between insurer information and the Department’s file using a format agreeable to the insurer and the vendor.
 - B. The vendor will demonstrate their ability to receive from and submit data matches to the Department’s FTP site in the format specified by the Department in Exhibit B.
 - C. Successful data matching is limited to circumstances where insurance coverage is located for a client during the period of time they were a Medicaid-eligible recipient.
- 3.2 Frequency of data match shall be no less than once per month. The vendor shall establish and provide the timeline of data match activities.
- 3.3 Vendor must demonstrate its procedures to ensure the accuracy and reliability of insurer data match information before providing data to the Department.
- 3.4 Vendor will provide reports of data match at least monthly and will provide established procedures for dispute resolution including notice to the Department for unresolved issues. Reports will include at a minimum: the names of insurers contacted for data matches, the date when those insurers were contacted and the date they provided data matches, the number of successful data matches provided/sorted by each insurer, the client names on successful data matches (sorted by insurer) and those insurers who did not respond to the request for data matches.
- 3.5 Vendor will not utilize Department’s federal tax identification number (TIN) without prior authorization. For web applications or other information verification systems requiring the TIN, the vendor will request the Department to enroll in applications, at no cost to the Department, and request Department to grant vendor access to application.
- 3.6 The vendor will not use State equipment, supplies, or facilities; unless otherwise agreed upon.
- 3.7 The vendor will refund/credit the cost of the data match if, within 60 days of the data match, it is discovered the match was made in error.

Option B

- 3.8 Vendor will receive Department information via the Department’s FTP site at regularly scheduled intervals to be determined by Department and vendor.

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- 3.9 Vendor will demonstrate their ability to prepare and submit HIPAA-compliant electronic claims within 30 days of receipt of Department information. Vendor will demonstrate electronic and paper processes of claims preparation and submission.
- A. Vendor is responsible for all costs associate with claims submissions.
 - B. Vendor will be responsible for notifying the Department of any HIPPA-required information that is missing prior to submitting the claims to insurers.
 - C. Vendor will verify appropriate insurer coverage exists prior to claims submission. Verification may be telephonic, web-based, electronic mail, or any other method agreed upon between the vendor and the Department.
- 3.10 Vendor will confirm receipt of information and will monitor information.
- A. Vendor will demonstrate the ability to report: data validation within one week, the number of claims received, the number of claims submitted to appropriate insurers, and other information to be submitted to Department and provide suggested format and intervals.
 - B. Vendor will provide verification that claims were submitted to insurers.
- 3.13 Vendor will provide established procedures for dispute resolution including notice of unresolved issues to the Department within 30 days.

Option C (3.1-3.13)

4.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND COMPANY QUALIFICATIONS

- 4.1 The offeror is cautioned that it is the offeror's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and that the State of South Dakota is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included with the proposal. The offeror's failure to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the proposal.
- 4.2 **Offeror's Contacts:** Offerors and their agents (including subcontractors, employees, consultants, or anyone else acting on their behalf) must direct all of their questions or comments regarding the RFP, the evaluation, etc. to the buyer of record indicated on the first page of this RFP. Offerors and their agents may not contact any state employee other than the buyer of record regarding any of these matters during the solicitation and evaluation process. Inappropriate contacts are grounds for suspension and/or exclusion from specific procurements. Offerors and their agents who have questions regarding this matter should contact the buyer of record.
- 4.3 The offeror **MUST** submit a copy of their most recent independently audited financial statements.
- 4.4 Provide the following information related to at least three previous and current service/contracts performed by the offeror's organization which are similar to the requirements of this RFP. Provide this information for any service/contract that has been terminated, expired or not renewed in the past three years:
- a. Name, address and telephone number of client/contracting agency and a representative of that agency who may be contacted for verification of all information submitted;
 - b. Dates of the service/contract; and

- c. A brief, written description of the specific prior services performed and requirements thereof.
- 4.5 The offeror must submit information that demonstrates their availability and familiarity with the locale in which the project (s) are to be implemented.
- 4.6 The offeror must detail examples that document their ability and proven history in handling special project constraints.
- 4.7 The offeror must provide detailed information in regards to their project management techniques.
- 4.8 If an offeror's proposal is not accepted by the State, the proposal will not be reviewed/evaluated.

5.0 PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORMAT

- 5.1 An original and five (5) copies shall be submitted.
 - 5.1.1 In addition, the offeror must provide one (1) copy of their entire proposal, including all attachments and cost proposal, in PDF electronic format. Offerors may not send the electronically formatted copy of their proposal via email.
 - 5.1.2 The proposal should be page numbered and should have an index and/or a table of contents referencing the appropriate page number.
- 5.2 All proposals must be organized and tabbed with labels for the following headings:
 - 5.2.1 **RFP Form.** The State's Request for Proposal form completed and signed.
 - 5.2.2 **Executive Summary.** The one or two page executive summary is to briefly describe the offeror's proposal. This summary should highlight the major features of the proposal. It must indicate any requirements that cannot be met by the offeror. The reader should be able to determine the essence of the proposal by reading the executive summary. Proprietary information requests should be identified in this section.
 - 5.2.3 **Detailed Response.** This section should constitute the major portion of the proposal and must contain at least the following information:
 - 5.2.3.1 A complete narrative of the offeror's assessment of the work to be performed, the offeror's ability and approach, and the resources necessary to fulfill the requirements. This should demonstrate the offeror's understanding of the desired overall performance expectations.
 - 5.2.3.2 A specific point-by-point response, in the order listed, to each requirement in the RFP as detailed in Sections 3 and 4. The response should identify each requirement being addressed as enumerated in the RFP.
 - 5.2.3.3 A clear description of any options or alternatives proposed.
 - 5.2.4 **Cost Proposal.** Cost will be evaluated independently from the technical proposal. Offerors may submit multiple cost proposals. All costs related to the provision of the required services must be included in each cost proposal offered.

See section 7.0 for more information related to the cost proposal.

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6.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCESS

- 6.1 After determining that a proposal satisfies the mandatory requirements stated in the Request for Proposal, the evaluator(s) shall use subjective judgment in conducting a comparative assessment of the proposal by considering each of the following criteria listed in order of importance:
- 6.1.1 Specialized expertise, capabilities, and technical competence as demonstrated by the proposed approach and methodology to meet the project requirements;
 - 6.1.2 Proposed project management techniques
 - 6.1.3 Resources available to perform the work, including any specialized services, within the specified time limits for the project;
 - 6.1.4 Record of past performance, including price and cost data from previous projects, quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control, and contract administration;
 - 6.1.5 Cost;
 - 6.1.6 Ability and proven history in handling special project constraints;
 - 6.1.7 Availability to the project locale;
 - 6.1.8 Familiarity with the project locale;
- 6.2 Experience and reliability of the offeror's organization are considered subjectively in the evaluation process. Therefore, the offeror is advised to submit any information which documents successful and reliable experience in past performances, especially those performances related to the requirements of this RFP.
- 6.3 The qualifications of the personnel proposed by the offeror to perform the requirements of this RFP, whether from the offeror's organization or from a proposed subcontractor, will be subjectively evaluated. Therefore, the offeror should submit detailed information related to the experience and qualifications, including education and training, of proposed personnel.
- 6.4 The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, and make award(s) as deemed to be in the best interest of the State of South Dakota.
- 6.5 **Award:** The requesting agency and the highest ranked offeror shall mutually discuss and refine the scope of services for the project and shall negotiate terms, including compensation and performance schedule.
- 6.5.1 If the agency and the highest ranked offeror are unable for any reason to negotiate a contract at a compensation level that is reasonable and fair to the agency, the agency shall, either orally or in writing, terminate negotiations with the contractor. The agency may then negotiate with the next highest ranked contractor.
 - 6.5.2 The negotiation process may continue through successive offerors, according to agency ranking, until an agreement is reached or the agency terminates the contracting process.

7.0 COST PROPOSAL

-- The Department will consider cost proposals for Option A that include a set rate per match with a not to exceed figure. The offeror should clearly display categories of matches and corresponding rates (see example below). The Department will not pay vendor expenses as a separate cost and must be included in proposal.

	(Insert Coverage Type)	(Insert Coverage Type)	(Insert Coverage Type)	(Insert Coverage Type)
Previously Unknown Active Resource				
Previously Unknown Terminated Resource				
Previously Known Terminated Resource				

The Department will consider cost proposals for Option B that include a set fee per claim submission with a not to exceed figure. The Department will not pay vendor expenses as a separate cost and must be included in the cost proposal.

For vendors interested in Option C, cost proposals should be provided as a collective cost as well as a breakdown for charges associated with Option A and Option B individually.

Submit a separate cost proposal for each proposed option.

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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Consultant Contract
For Consultant Services
Between**

State of South Dakota
Department of Social Services
Division of Finance and Management
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291

Referred to as Consultant

Referred to as State

The State hereby enters into a contract for consultant services with the Consultant. While performing services hereunder, Consultant is an independent contractor and not an officer, agent, or employee of the State of South Dakota.

1. **CONSULTANT'S South Dakota Vendor Number is** _____.
2. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:
 - A. This Agreement shall be effective as of June 1, 2014 and shall end on May 31, 2015, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms hereof.
 - B. Agreement is the result of Request for Proposal #231.
3. PROVISIONS:
 - A. The Purpose of this Consultant contract:
 - 1.
 2. This agreement will involve Protected Health Information (PHI).
A Business Associate Agreement is attached and fully incorporated herein as part of the agreement (refer to attachment) .
 3. The consultant will not use state equipment, supplies or facilities.
 - B. The Consultant agrees to perform the following services (add an attachment if needed.):
 - 1.
 - C. The State agrees to:
 - 1.
 2. Make payment for services upon satisfactory completion of services and receipt of bill. Payment will be in accordance with SDCL 5-26.
 3. Will the State pay Consultant expenses as a separate item?
NO
If YES, expenses submitted will be reimbursed as identified in this agreement.
 - D. The TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT will not exceed \$_____.

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4. **BILLING:**

Consultant agrees to submit a bill for services within (30) days following the month in which services were provided. Consultant will prepare and submit a monthly bill for services. Consultant agrees to submit a final bill within 45 days of the contract end date to receive payment for completed services. If a final bill cannot be submitted in 45 days, then a written request for extension of time and explanation must be provided to the State.

5. **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:**

The State agrees to provide technical assistance regarding Department of Social Services rules, regulations and policies to the Consultant and to assist in the correction of problem areas identified by the State's monitoring activities

6. **LICENSING AND STANDARD COMPLIANCE:**

The Consultant agrees to comply in full with all licensing and other standards required by Federal, State, County, City or Tribal statute, regulation or ordinance in which the service and/or care is provided for the duration of this agreement. Liability resulting from noncompliance with licensing and other standards required by Federal, State, County, City or Tribal statute, regulation or ordinance or through the Consultant's failure to ensure the safety of all individuals served is assumed entirely by the Consultant.

7. **ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

The Consultant agrees to abide by all applicable provisions of the following assurances: Lobbying Activity, Debarment and Suspension, Drug-Free Workplace, Executive Order 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pro-Children Act of 1994, Hatch Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, Charitable Choice Provisions and Regulations, and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as applicable.

8. **RETENTION AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS:**

The Consultant agrees to maintain or supervise the maintenance of records necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the program, including records and documents regarding applications, determination of eligibility (when applicable), the provision of services, administrative costs, statistical, fiscal, other records, and information necessary for reporting and accountability required by the State. The Consultant shall retain such records for six years following termination of this agreement. If such records are under pending audit, the Consultant agrees to hold such records for a longer period upon notification from the State. The State, through any authorized representative, will have access to and the right to examine and copy all records, books, papers or documents related to services rendered under this Agreement. State Proprietary Information retained in Consultant's secondary and backup systems will remain fully subject to the obligations of confidentiality stated herein until such information is erased or destroyed in accordance with Consultant's established record retention policies.

All payments to the Consultant by the State are subject to site review and audit as prescribed and carried out by the State. Any over payment of this contract shall be returned to the State within thirty days after written notification to the Consultant.

9. **WORK PRODUCT:**

Consultant hereby acknowledges and agrees that all reports, plans, specifications, technical data, drawings, software system programs and documentation, procedures, files, operating instructions and procedures, source code(s) and documentation, including those necessary to upgrade and maintain the software program, State Proprietary Information, State Data, End User Data, Personal Health Information, and all information contained therein provided to the State by the Consultant in connection with its performance of service under this Contract shall belong to and is the property of the State and will not be used in any way by the Consultant without the written consent of the State.

Paper, reports, forms software programs, source code(s) and other materials which are a part of the work under this Contract will not be copyrighted without written approval of the State. In the unlikely event that any copyright does not fully belong to the State, the State none the less reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, any such work for government purposes.

Consultant agrees to return all information received from the State to State's custody upon the end of the term of this contract, unless otherwise agreed in a writing signed by both parties.

10. **TERMINATION:**

This contract may be terminated by either party hereto upon thirty (30) days written notice, and may be terminated by the State for cause at any time, with or without notice. Upon termination of this agreement, all accounts and payments shall be processed according to financial arrangements set forth herein for services rendered to date of termination.

11. **FUNDING:**

This Contract depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate funds or grant expenditure authority, or funds become unavailable by operation of the law or federal funds reduction, this Contract will be terminated by the State. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State.

12. **AMENDMENTS:**

This Contract may not be assigned without the express prior written consent of the State. This Contract may not be amended except in writing, which writing shall be expressly identified as a part hereof, and be signed by an authorized representative of each of the parties hereto.

13. **CONTROLLING LAW:**

This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota. Any lawsuit pertaining to or affecting this Agreement shall be venued in Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Hughes County, South Dakota.

14. **SUPERCESSION:**

All other prior discussions, communications and representations concerning the subject matter of this Contract are superseded by the terms of this Contract, and except as specifically provided herein, this Contract constitutes the entire agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof.

15. **IT STANDARDS:**

Consultant warrants that the software and hardware developed or purchased for the state will be in compliance with the BIT Standards including but not limited to the standards for security, file naming conventions, executable module names, Job Control Language, systems software, and systems software release levels, temporary work areas, executable program size, forms management, network access, tape management, hosting requirements, administrative controls, and job stream procedures prior to the installation and acceptance of the final project. BIT standards can be found at <http://bit.sd.gov/standards/>.

16. **SEVERABILITY:**

In the event that any provision of this Contract shall be held unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or renderunenforceable any other provision hereof.

17. **NOTICE:**

Any notice or other communication required under this Contract shall be in writing and sent to the address set forth above. Notices shall be given by and to the Division being contracted with on behalf of the State, and by the Consultant, or such authorized designees as either party may from time to time designate in writing. Notices or communications to or between the parties shall be deemed to have been delivered when mailed by first class mail, provided that notice of default or termination shall be sent by registered or certified mail, or, if personally delivered, when received by such party.

18. **SUBCONTRACTORS:**

The Consultant may not use subcontractors to perform the services described herein without express prior written consent from the State. The State reserves the right to reject any person from the contract presenting insufficient skills or inappropriate behavior.

The Consultant will include provisions in its subcontracts requiring its subcontractors to comply with the applicable provisions of this Contract, to indemnify the State, and to provide insurance coverage for the benefit of the State in a manner consistent with this Contract. The Consultant will cause its subcontractors, agents, and employees to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, permits and requirements and will adopt such review and inspection procedures as are necessary to assure such compliance. The State, at its option, may require the vetting of any subcontractors. The Consultant is required to assist in this process as needed.

19. **HOLD HARMLESS:**

The Consultant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the State of South Dakota, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all actions, suits, damages, liability or other proceedings which may arise as the result of performing services hereunder. This section does not require the Consultant to be responsible for or defend against claims or damages arising solely from errors or omissions of the State, its officers, agents or employees.

20. **INSURANCE:**

Before beginning work under this Contract, Consultant shall furnish the State with properly executed Certificates of Insurance which shall clearly evidence all insurance required in this Contract. The Consultant, at all times during the term of this Contract, shall obtain and maintain in force insurance coverage of the types and with the limits listed below. In the event a substantial change in insurance, issuance of a new policy, cancellation or nonrenewal of the policy, the Consultant agrees to provide immediate notice to the State and provide a new certificate of insurance showing continuous coverage in the amounts required. Consultant shall furnish copies of insurance policies if requested by the State.

A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance:**

Consultant shall maintain occurrence-based commercial general liability insurance or an equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this Contract or be no less than two times the occurrence limit.

B. **Business Automobile Liability Insurance:**

Consultant shall maintain business automobile liability insurance or an equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$500,000 for each accident. Such insurance shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles.

C. **Worker's Compensation Insurance:**

Consultant shall procure and maintain Workers' Compensation and employers' liability insurance as required by South Dakota law.

D. **Professional Liability Insurance:**

Consultant agrees to procure and maintain professional liability insurance with a limit not less than \$1,000,000.

(Medical Health Professional shall maintain current general professional liability insurance with a limit of not less than one million dollars for each occurrence and three million dollars in the aggregate. Such insurance shall include South Dakota state employees as additional insureds in the event a claim, lawsuit, or other proceeding is filed against a state employee as a result of the services provided pursuant to this Contract. If insurance provided by Medical Health Professional is provided on a claim made basis, then Medical Health Professional shall provide "tail" coverage for a period of five years after the termination of coverage.)

21. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION:

Consultant certifies, by signing this agreement, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by the federal government or any state or local government department or agency. Consultant further agrees that it will immediately notify the State if during the term of this Contract either its principals become subject to debarment, suspension or ineligibility from participating in transactions by the federal government, or by any state or local government department or agency.

22. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Consultant agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

23. REPORTING PROVISION:

Consultant agrees to report to the State any event encountered in the course of performance of this Contract which results in injury to any person or property, or which may otherwise subject Consultant, or the State of South Dakota or its officers, agents or employees to liability. Consultant shall report any such event to the State immediately upon discovery.

Consultant's obligation under this section shall only be to report the occurrence of any event to the State and to make any other report provided for by their duties or applicable law. Consultant's obligation to report shall not require disclosure of any information subject to privilege or confidentiality under law (e.g., attorney-client communications). Reporting to the State under this section shall not excuse or satisfy any obligation of Consultant to report any event to law enforcement or other entities under the requirements of any applicable law.

24. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION:

For the purpose of the sub-paragraph, "State Proprietary Information" shall include all information disclosed to the Consultant by the State. Consultant acknowledges that it shall have a duty to not disclose any State Proprietary Information to any third person for any reason without the express written permission of a State officer or employee with authority to authorize the disclosure. Consultant shall not: (i) disclose any State Proprietary Information to any third person unless otherwise specifically allowed under this contract; (ii) make any use of State Proprietary Information except to exercise rights and perform obligations under this contract; (iii) make State Proprietary Information available to any of its employees, officers, agents or consultants except those who have agreed to obligations of confidentiality at least as strict as those set out in this contract and who have a need to know such information. Consultant is held to the same standard of care in guarding State Proprietary Information as it applies to its own confidential or proprietary information and materials of a similar nature, and no less than holding State Proprietary Information in the strictest confidence. Consultant shall protect confidentiality of the State's information from the time of receipt to the time that such information is either returned to the State or destroyed to the extent that it cannot be recalled or reproduced. State Proprietary Information shall not include information that (i) was in the public domain at the time it was disclosed to Consultant; (ii) was known to Consultant without restriction at the time of disclosure from the State; (iii) that is disclosed with the prior written approval of State's officers or employees having authority to disclose such information; (iv) was independently developed by Consultant without the benefit or influence of the State's information; (v) becomes known to Consultant without restriction from a source not connected to the State of South Dakota. State's Proprietary Information shall include names, social security numbers, employer numbers, addresses and all other data about applicants, employers or other clients to whom the State provides services of any kind. Consultant understands that this information is confidential and protected under applicable State law at SDCL 1-27-1.5, modified by SDCL 1-27-1.6, SDCL 28-1-29, SDCL 28-1-32, and SDCL 28-1-68

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as applicable federal regulation and agrees to immediately notify the State if the information is disclosure, either intentionally or inadvertently. The parties mutually agree that neither of them shall disclose the contents of the contract except as required by applicable law or as necessary to carry out the terms of the contract or to enforce that party's rights under this contract. Consultant acknowledges that the State and its agencies are public entities and thus are bound by South Dakota open meetings and open records laws. It is therefore not a breach of this contract for the State to take any action that the State reasonably believes is necessary to comply with the South Dakota open records or open meetings laws. If work assignments performed in the course of this Agreement require additional security requirements or clearance, the Consultant will be required to undergo investigation.

25. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES:

In witness hereto, the parties signify their agreement by affixing their signatures hereto.

_____ Consultant Signature	_____ Date
_____ State- DSS Program Manager Brandin Seibel	_____ Date
_____ State – DSS Deputy Secretary Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger	_____ Date
_____	_____

State Agency Coding:

CFDA #	_____	_____	_____	_____
Company	_____	_____	_____	_____
Account	_____	_____	_____	_____
Center Req	_____	_____	_____	_____
Center User	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dollar Total	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____

DSS Program Contact Person _____
Phone _____

DSS Fiscal Contact Person Patty Hanson
Phone 605 773-3586

Consultant Program Contact Person _____
Phone _____

Consultant Fiscal Contact Person _____
Phone _____
Consultant Email Address _____

SDCL 1-24A-1 states that a copy of all consulting contracts shall be filed by the State agency with the State Auditor within five days after such contract is entered into and finally approved by the contracting parties. For further information about consulting contracts, see the State Auditor's policy handbook.

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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Attachment

Business Associate Agreement

1. Definitions

General definition:

The following terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Rules: Breach, Data Aggregation, Disclosure, Health Care Operations, Individual, Minimum Necessary, Notice of Privacy Practices, Protected Health Information, Required By Law, Secretary, Security Incident, Subcontractor, Unsecured Protected Health Information, and Use.

Specific definitions:

- (a) Business Associate. “Business Associate” shall generally have the same meaning as the term “business associate” at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean the consultant or entity contracting with the State of South Dakota as set forth more fully in the Agreement this Business Associate Agreement is attached.
- (b) CFR. “CFR” shall mean the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (c) Covered Entity. “Covered Entity” shall generally have the same meaning as the term “covered entity” at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean South Dakota Department of Social Services.
- (d) Designated Record Set. “Designated Record Set” shall have the meaning given to such term in 45 CFR 164.501.
- (e) HIPAA Rules. “HIPAA Rules” shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164.

2. Obligations and Activities of Business Associate

Business Associate agrees to:

- (a) Not use or disclose protected health information other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as required by law;
- (b) Use appropriate safeguards, and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic protected health information, to prevent use or disclosure of protected health information other than as provided for by the Agreement;
- (c) Report to covered entity any use or disclosure of protected health information not provided for by the Agreement of which it becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured protected health information as required at 45 CFR 164.410, and any security incident of which it becomes aware within five (5) business days of receiving knowledge of such use, disclosure, breach, or security incident;
- (d) In accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(e)(1)(ii) and 164.308(b)(2), if applicable, ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit protected health information on behalf of the business associate agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the business associate with respect to such information;

- (e) Make available protected health information in a designated record set to the covered entity as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.524. Business associate shall cooperate with covered entity to fulfill all requests by individuals for access to the individual's protected health information that are approved by covered entity. If business associate receives a request from an individual for access to protected health information, business associate shall forward such request to covered entity within ten (10) business days. Covered entity shall be solely responsible for determining the scope of protected health information and Designated Record Set with respect to each request by an individual for access to protected health information;
- (f) Make any amendment(s) to protected health information in a designated record set as directed or agreed to by the covered entity pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526, or take other measures as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.526. Within ten (10) business days following any such amendment or other measure, business associate shall provide written notice to covered entity confirming that business associate has made such amendments or other measures and containing any such information as may be necessary for covered entity to provide adequate notice to the individual in accordance with 45 CFR 164.526. Should business associate receive requests to amend protected health information from an individual, Business associate shall cooperate with covered entity to fulfill all requests by individuals for such amendments to the individual's protected health information that are approved by covered entity. If business associate receives a request from an individual to amend protected health information, business associate shall forward such request to covered entity within ten (10) business days. Covered entity shall be solely responsible for determining whether to amend any protected health information with respect to each request by an individual for access to protected health information;
- (g) Maintain and make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to the covered entities necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.528. Business associate shall cooperate with covered entity to fulfill all requests by individuals for access to an accounting of disclosures that are approved by covered entity. If business associate receives a request from an individual for an accounting of disclosures, business associate shall immediately forward such request to covered entity. Covered entity shall be solely responsible for determining whether to release any account of disclosures;
- (h) To the extent the business associate is to carry out one or more of covered entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164, comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to the covered entity in the performance of such obligation(s); and
- (i) Make its internal practices, books, and records available to the covered entity and / or the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

3. Permitted Uses and Disclosures by Business Associate

- (a) Except as otherwise limited by this Agreement, Business Associate may make any uses and disclosures of Protected Health Information necessary to perform its services to Covered Entity and otherwise meet its obligations under this Agreement, if such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by the covered entity. All other uses or disclosure by Business Associate not authorized by this Agreement or by specific instruction of Covered Entity are prohibited.
- (b) The business associate is authorized to use protected health information if the business associate de-identifies the information in accordance with 45 CFR 164.514(a)-(c). In order to de-identify any information, Business Associate must remove all information identifying the individual including, but not limited to, the following: names, geographic subdivisions smaller than a state, all dates related to an individual, all ages over the age of 89 (except such ages may be aggregated into a single category of age 90 or older, telephone numbers, fax numbers, electronic mail (email) addresses, medical record numbers, account numbers, certificate/ license numbers, vehicle identifiers and serial numbers (including license plate numbers, device identifiers and serial numbers, web universal resource locators (URLs), internet protocol (IP) address number, biometric identifiers (including finger and voice prints), full face photographic images (and any comparable images), any other unique identifying number, and any other characteristic or code.
- (c) Business associate may use or disclose protected health information as required by law.

- (d) Business associate agrees to make uses and disclosures and requests for protected health information consistent with covered entity's minimum necessary policies and procedures.
- (e) Business associate may not use or disclose protected health information in a manner that would violate Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164 if done by covered entity except for the specific uses and disclosures set forth in (f) and (g).
- (f) Business associate may disclose protected health information for the proper management and administration of business associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the business associate, provided the disclosures are required by law.
- (g) Business associate may provide data aggregation services relating to the health care operations of the covered entity.

4. Provisions for Covered Entity to Inform Business Associate of Privacy Practices and Restrictions

- (a) Covered entity shall notify business associate of any limitation(s) in the notice of privacy practices of covered entity under 45 CFR 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect business associate's use or disclosure of protected health information.
- (b) Covered entity shall notify business associate of any changes in, or revocation of, the permission by an individual to use or disclose his or her protected health information, to the extent that such changes may affect business associate's use or disclosure of protected health information.
- (c) Covered entity shall notify business associate of any restriction on the use or disclosure of protected health information that covered entity has agreed to or is required to abide by under 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect business associate's use or disclosure of protected health information.

5. Term and Termination

- (a) Term. The Term of this Agreement shall be effective as of and shall terminate on the dates set forth in the primary Agreement this Business Associate Agreement is attached to or on the date the primary Agreement terminates, whichever is sooner.
- (b) Termination for Cause. Business associate authorizes termination of this Agreement by covered entity, if covered entity determines business associate has violated a material term of the Agreement.
- (c) Obligations of Business Associate Upon Termination.
 - 1. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this section, upon termination of this agreement for any reason, business associate shall return or destroy all protected health information received from, or created or received by business associate on behalf of covered entity. This provision shall apply to protected health information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.
 - 2. In the event that business associate determines that returning or destroying the protected health information is infeasible, business associate shall provide to covered entity, within ten (10) business days, notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon such determination, business associate shall extend the protections of this agreement to such protected health information and limit further uses and disclosures of such protected health information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as business associate maintains such protected health information.
- (d) Survival. The obligations of business associate under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

6. Miscellaneous

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- (a) Regulatory References. A reference in this Agreement to a section in the HIPAA Rules means the section as in effect or as amended.
- (b) Amendment. The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for compliance with the requirements of the HIPAA Rules and any other applicable law.
- (c) Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be interpreted to permit compliance with the HIPAA Rules.